



CIE Gathers in Washington, D.C. December 2005

On a Saturday night in early December 2005, a dozen CIE members gathered at the elegant town house of Jane Benbow in Washington, D.C. to see old friends and to connect with CIE folks from across the decades. Jane had decided that a gathering on the East Coast would complement the one held in March 2005 in Palo Alto at the home of Jeanne Moulton. (See article).

DRE came down from Amherst to join the gathering and distribute the most recent newsletter. He spoke briefly about events at CIE and then conversation turned to the possibility of celebrating CIE's 40th anniversary, probably sometime around June 2008. Ideas about what should be done at such a celebration were generated. Some suggested discussions around themes like contributions to development, reflections on working in development, country or organization-based discussions, or round tables to share experience and insights. Others suggested debates, entertainment of various kinds, and perhaps some skill development workshops. Someone noted that we could all donate frequent flyer miles to make it possible for international members to attend more easily.

As **John Bing** put it, "the arch of CIE" spans a whole era. The arch was exemplified by the range of CIE members at the gathering who work with USAID. **Dwaine Lee** a current doctoral candidate recently joined AID as a new entry professional. **Patrick Fine**, the former AID mission director in Afghanistan, is now at AID headquarters as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Africa Bureau. He commented that he was glad to be back in Africa – his first love! They were joined by **John Hatch** and **Jim Hoxeng**, both long-term AID employees, with Jim having been there more than thirty years. They shared perspectives and advice on current and past programs.

David Styles talked about his current work at the Foreign Service Institute where he has settled after a variety of previous employment. Another recent arrival in Washington, **Julio Ramirez** has recently joined the Washington office of World Learning after many years working in Central America, most recently in Guatemala.

Flavia Ramos is at American University where she is Director of the International Training and Education Program --a program founded by the late **Leon Clark**. Also present



Suzi, Jane & Marilyn



Julio Ramirez



John & Patrick



David Styles



was **Steve Anzalone**, Director of the Multi-channel Learning Center at EDC Washington.

Jane Benbow, **Suzie Kindervatter** and **Marilyn Gillespie** shared old times. All are very active in adult, nonformal, alternative education activities. Jane Benbow now works with AIR in Washington, where she is a Managing Research Scientist and Project Director of the Educational Quality Improvement Program for Classrooms, Schools and Communities (EQUIP 1). Suzi is at InterAction where she is Director of Gender Equality and Diversity and has recently managed the production of a series of manuals and handbooks on Gender Mainstreaming and Audits. Marilyn is at Stanford Research Institute in Washington where she directs and manages projects related to literacy and lifelong learning, English language learning, teacher education and workforce preparation.

Several CIE Members who wanted to come were unable to make it at the last minute including **Barbara Howald**, and **Don Graybill**. Others like **Bill Smith**, **Berengere DeNegri**, **Steve Grant** and **Carl Stecker** sent their regrets due to travel or other engagements.

Dwaine, Steve & John



Jim and Suzi



DRE & Flavia